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The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 24TH MARCH, 1904.

Among the subjects dealt with in the report published last week of the local branch of the China Association was that of the continued occupation of Newchwang by the Russians, and their interference with the trade of that treaty port, which, as Mr. WILCOX said at the meeting on the 17th instant, has led to the interchange of much correspondence and excited a great deal of just indignation on the part of those engaged in trade with Newchwang. By the French mail of Tuesday we received from London a Government White Paper (China No. 2), containing correspondence respecting the Russian occupation of Manchuria and Newchwang and comprising 163 despatches, ranging in date from July, 1900, to January, 1904. Not all of the despatches are new, those previously published being apparently included in order to furnish a complete narrative of the negotiations. The story is a most striking one of the procrustean and intrigue with China on the part of Russia, and of the diplomatic pressure by Great Britain, the United States, and Japan to secure evacuation and to prevent any compact between Russia and China prejudicial either to the integrity of China or to the commercial rights of the Powers. There is a great deal of interesting matter in the White Paper, which would be well worth quotation if we could devote the space to it. However, we cannot do so, and we must content ourselves with drawing attention to a few points. The first document is noteworthy—a communicated despatch of July, 1900, from Count Lamsdorff, to the

Russian Chargé d'Affaires in London setting out the objections at the time held by the Russian Government to Japan being given a special mandate in China with a view to the suppression of the insurrectionary movement provoked by the Boxers and the re-establishment of order at Peking and Tientsin. Such a special mandate to Japan "might to a certainty encroach on the fundamental principles which had already been accepted by the majority of the Powers as the basis of their policy relative to events in China." So thought Count Lamsdorff. It is well to consider his remark carefully when one analyses Russia's subsequent policy with regard to China.

It was in January, 1901, that the British Foreign Office first heard of the Manchurian agreement between China and Russia, the revelation of it being the Peking correspondent of the Times; and a telegram was despatched to Sir CHARLES SCOTT, at St. Petersburg, directing him to enquire into the truth of the report. The British Ambassador on the 6th February of the same year obtained from Count Lamsdorff an emphatic denial of the agreement and a statement that "Russia was in the same position with regard to fixing a final date for evacuating Manchuria as the allies found themselves in with regard to the evacuation of Peking and the Province of Pechili." The Chinese Minister in London had already—on the 15th January—assured Lord LANSOWNE that no such agreement as published in the papers had been concluded. In February a memorandum was handed to the Chinese Minister at Washington, warning China not to conclude an agreement with any one particular Power. In March Sir ERNEST SATOW telegraphed to the Foreign Office a translation of the Chinese text of the agreement. Sir CHARLES SCOTT was at once instructed to communicate this to Count Lamsdorff and point out that it was irreconcilable with his assurances. That amiable Russian diplomatist was ready with fresh assurances and talked of "the very dangerous claim" of the Press and public to be admitted to a seat and voice in the councils of the Powers. The agreement fell through soon after, but in August of the same year Russia resumed negotiations with China. Britain now began to interest herself more particularly in the matter of Newchwang, pressing for the restoration of the Customs to the Chinese Government. But, as is well known, nothing happened beyond the interchange of despatches, and affairs dragged wearily on, with more negotiations between Russia and China, and (more Russian assurances to the Powers. Then, in May last, while Lord LANSOWNE was trying to exert more energetic pressure upon Russia to evacuate, and was receiving the usual assurances, Mr. MACCORMICK, the United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg, confronted Count Lamsdorff with a Note asking him whether certain further demands alleged to have been made by Russia upon China had in fact been made. The account of the interview, given by Mr. MACCORMICK to Sir C. SCOTT, states that "Count Lamsdorff looked at the Note, and at once in the most positive manner assured Mr. MACCORMICK that no such demands had been made by the Russian Government, and he expressed surprise that it should have been credited in any quarter that the Russian Government had presented any demands of the kind," etc. The game went on until, on the 25th November last, Lord LANSOWNE asked the Russian Ambassador whether a date could not be fixed for evacuation. In reply Count BENCKENDORFF "dwelt upon the danger of giving these pledges in circumstances which, as experience had shown, rendered it not always easy to fulfil them." Lord LANSOWNE recognised Russia's special position, but urged adherence to promises of evacuation, especially of Newchwang. On the 8th January of the present year Count BENCKENDORFF communicated a memorandum, containing a formal declaration that Russia would not interfere with the enjoyment of treaty rights by the Powers in Manchuria, and concluding thus:—"Russia considers it indispensable, independently of the conditions which will in the future definitely determine the character of her relations with Manchuria, to declare from this day forth that she has 'no intention whatever of placing any obstacle in the way of the continued enjoyment by foreign Powers of the rights acquired by them in virtue of the Treaty of Commerce.' On this the Marquis of LANSOWNE sent to Sir CHARLES SCOTT the following despatch, the last in the White Paper before us:—"The Russian Ambassador asked me for an interview to-day, and made to me a statement in the terms of the memorandum of which a copy is

annexed. I expressed the satisfaction with which I had listened to his Excellency's observations, which, unless I misunderstood them, were in accordance with the assurance which he had given me on previous occasions in regard to the intentions of Russia towards Manchuria. I could not, however, help regretting that Russia should have found it impossible to take even a single step in pursuance of the policy which she has thus prescribed for herself. I trusted that his Excellency would forgive me for telling him frankly that, in this country, people were looking for some concrete evidence of Russia's intention to make good her promises. An announcement, for example, that Newchwang was to be evacuated at an early date would certainly have a reassuring effect. So far as I was aware there was no local difficulty in the way."

The whole correspondence is a study in diplomacy. The matter is now, for the time at least, out of the hands of diplomats and must be left to the present war ends. Then, as the Chairman said at the China Association meeting, it will be the duty of the Treaty Powers to see that their rights in Manchurian Treaty ports are secured and that no interference with Chinese control is permitted in the future.

Yesterday afternoon there took place at Happy Valley the funeral of Mr. F. Andreas Rapp, assistant to Messrs. Ward & Co., who died at the Peak Hospital on the previous day.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the hospitals:—Rev. T. Wright, 85.

The only case of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week was—scarlet fever, 2, 1 European (imported) and 1 Japanese; small-pox 6, 1 Japanese (imported), 1 Portuguese, and 4 Chinese, 5 of the small-pox cases ended fatally.

Lieutenant-Commander K. Sato, of the Imperial Japanese Navy, was to give a lecture at the Royal United Service Institution, London, on the 25th ult. on "The Education of Imperial Japanese Naval Officers of the Executive Branch." Admiral the Hon. Sir E. Fremantle presiding.

It is announced in the London Gazette that H.M. the King has made the following appointments:—Walter Beaupré Towler, Esq., to be Secretary to His Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople; and the Hon. Lancelot Douglas Carnegie, M.V.O., to be Secretary to the Legation in Peking.

The arrival of the *Nicomedia* here on Monday appears to have inspired some wrong ideas as to the extension of the Hamburg-America Line's business. The fact is that the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Co. has chartered the steamships *Arabia*, *Aragonia*, *Nicomedia*, and *Numidia*.

M. Polletan, French Minister of Marine, issued an order last month to hurry on the preparations for the departure of the cruiser *D'Assas* and the destroyers *Javeline* and *Pistolet* for the Far East. Only such equipment as is absolutely necessary was to be completed. The *Javeline* and the *Pistolet* were to be ready to sail on the 24th ult.

Mr. G. A. Woodcock, the Secretary of the Sanitary Board, sends us a copy of a pamphlet dealing with the precautions that should be taken against plague, malaria, and cholera. This pamphlet has been printed by the Government, so that the public may have the precautions in a handy form; it may be bought at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's or at Messrs. Brewer & Co.'s for 15 cents, which is slightly less than cost price.

Messrs. Kodak, Limited, held in February an exhibition of photographs of Japan at their Gallery, 40, Strand, London. These photographs are all enlargements of Kodak negatives on their bromide paper, the varieties used being the "Platinotype," "Royal," and "White Royal." The photographs represent all phases of Japanese life, street-scenes in Yokohama, Nikko, etc., and also some splendid landscape scenes. They are all beautifully clear, especially those enlarged from tiny circular film negatives of the earliest roll-film Kodaks, contributed by Mrs. Lashby Liberty.

Recent despatches from Kwangsi, says the N.C. Daily News, report that malcontents and bandits of that province are beginning once more to start upon their guerrilla warfare against the Government and Viceroy Tsen (Shan) is making elaborate preparations to put a stop to it. To do this H.E. has been again drawing upon other provinces for reinforcements, no less than 6,000 men being asked for from the Governor of Shensi alone. It is also stated in reliable quarters in Canton that the Viceroy intends to make a careful selection out of all the troops he has drawn from the various provinces, as well as from the regiments he has himself raised and organized in Kwangtung provinces, and with these picked battalions form the nucleus of a proposed army of 40,000 reliable soldiers who are to be entirely armed and provided with the best rifles procurable and drilled and organized after the modern style. These troops are to be held ready for transport to the North, with Viceroy Shun himself at their head, whenever circumstances of war require their presence outside Shanghai.

The Prince of Wales on the 16th February gave a sitting to Mr. G. E. Wade, the sculptor, for a statue which is to be erected at Hongkong.

The musical comedy, *The Geisha*, which was being performed at St. Petersburg, has been withdrawn on account of hostile demonstrations, to which it gave rise on the part of the public.

The Harbour Office, inside, is undergoing a general cleansing and painting—probably the last that will be necessary before the shift of quarters to the new waterfront site.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, have shipped eight engines to Japan, via Suez, and are rushing the work on twelve others, six of which are intended for use on lines laid down by the Army.

In reply to Mr. Moon, M.P., who in the House of Commons last month asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether any appointments were to be made or had been made of British Consuls at Mukden, Antung, and Tatungku, Earl Percy said:—"Consular officers will be appointed at Mukden and Antung. Tatungku will be included in the Consular district of Antung."

Mr. W. T. Lithgow, sole partner of Russell and Co., shipbuilders, has offered the local authorities of Port Glasgow £10,000 to assist in carrying out the improvement scheme for a portion of the ancient burgh, and £18,500 to purchase ground. When this is cleared Mr. Lithgow also undertakes, upon a favourable plan being agreed upon, to rebuild the area, housing more than 2,000 people, at an additional cost of £100,000.

Vice-Admiral H. B. Woolcombe died on the 14th ult. at South Kensington. He commanded the *Thetis* on the China Station from 1872 to 1876, during which commission he received the thanks of the Colonial Governments and of the Governor of the Straits Settlements, as well as the approbation of the Lords of the Admiralty, for the destruction of the piratical stockades and junks in the Larut river, Straits of Malacca, in September, 1873, and again for services in the Malacca Straits in January and February, 1874.

Among comparisons between Japan and Russia one is peculiarly striking. Although Japan has only a population of 47,000,000 and an area of 163,000 sq. miles, against Russia's 130,000,000 and nearly 9,000,000 sq. miles, Japan has nevertheless more pupils in her schools than has Russia. In Japanese elementary schools there are 4,302,623 children, in Russia only 4,193,594, or 92 in every thousand Japanese against 32 in every thousand Russians. Secondary schools and universities show equally striking figures.

It was reported in certain quarters in France last month that the stocks of coal both at home and at the naval bases abroad are insufficient. Particularly in this case at Coochin China, where, according to all accounts, there is scarcely efficient coal for the immediate requirements of the Fleet. Arrangements, it was stated, were being made by the French Ministry of Marine to secure the necessary vessels to transport 6,000 tons of coal to Saigon. On the other hand, M. Camille Pelletan has written to M. Deloncle stating that France's provisions of coal in the Far East are ample to supply the squadron, even if communication with the Mother Country should be interrupted.

Messrs. Powley, Thomas, and Co., of Cardiff, having written to Lord Lansdowne asking advice as to whether, in view of the hostilities between Japan and Russia, coal was contraband of war, received on the 18th ult. the following reply from the Foreign Office:—"I am to state generally that coal is an article *essentially* *non*, not *per se* contraband of war, but if destined for warlike as opposed to industrial use it may become contraband. Whether in any particular case coal is or is not contraband of war is a matter *prima facie* for the determination of the Prize Courts of the captors' nationality, and so long as such decision when given does not conflict with well-established principles and rules of international law, His Majesty's Government will not be prepared to take exception thereto."

On the 14th ult. a pro-Japanese demonstration is reported to have taken place in one of the restaurants in the Friedrichstrasse, Berlin. About ten o'clock some Japanese, mostly medical students, entered the place, when a German called for three cheers for Japan, which were heartily given by all present. A Hungarian band being in the hall, there was a call for the Japanese National Hymn, but the Bandmaster, being unacquainted with this composition, could only give some selections from *The Geisha* and *The Mikado* (!), apparently to the satisfaction of the audience. One of the Japanese students then mounted a chair and delivered a little speech in broken German, in which he intimated that he and his colleagues were convinced that the sympathy of Berliners, from whom they had learned so much, was on their side, and this fact made them happy. There was more cheering and more raising of glasses before the Japanese were allowed to sit down.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE ARTISTIC SPRING CONCERT.
 The much talked-of artistic concert took place in the Theatre Royal City Hall, last night, before a fairly large and appreciative audience. The performers, members of the Band of S.M.S. *Purest Bismarck*, under the conductorship of Herr Stolle, Bandmaster, played a very good selection of airs, operatic and otherwise, showing considerable training, and a knowledge of technique which is not often exhibited in Hongkong. The students appeared to be quite ignorant of their duties, while we were surprised, considering the prices of admission charged, to find programmes were only obtainable on payment for same!

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR

ANJU OCCUPIED BY JAPANESE.

LONDON, 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.

Russian official despatches admit that the town of Anju has been occupied by the Japanese troops.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE TRANSVAAL CHINESE QUESTION.

LONDON, 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.

The vote of censure on the Government proposed by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in connection with the introduction of Chinese labour into the Rand, was defeated yesterday by 299 votes to 242.

PLAGUE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.

Plague at Johannesburg has caused 89 deaths.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

LONDON, 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.

In the Association international Ireland beat Wales by one goal to nil.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.—A REPORTED PROTEST.

LONDON, 21st March.

The Temps states that the French Minister at Tokyo has protested on behalf of Russia, against the bombardment of the quarantine station at Sanshan, near Port Arthur, on the 10th instant.

TREACHERY OF A RUSSIAN OFFICER.

LONDON, 21st March.

A Russian officer attached to the General staff has been convicted at St. Petersburg of selling secret plans for the organisation of the field army to Japan. The officer has been executed.

THE NEAR EAST.—BULGARIANS ACTIVE.

LONDON, 21st March.

Five hundred Bulgarians divided into two bands have crossed the frontier and are proceeding towards Strumitza and Monastir, which are two intended centres of revolt.

PARLIAMENT.—THE VOTE OF CENSURE.

LONDON, 21st March.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in moving the vote of censure against the Government in regard to the Transvaal Chinese Ordinance, said that the British workmen in the Transvaal would be snuffed out by the biggest scheme of human dumping since the "middle passage" was abolished. The scheme in many respects was indistinguishable from slavery. He demanded the deliberately expressed views of the Transvaalers. Mr. Lyttelton in reply said that the Government would not have assisted the Ordinance unless a preponderant majority of Transvaalers had been in favour of it; he cited the growing distress in the Transvaal, and said that the cry of slavery was ridiculous. The contract would be circulated in the Chinese language in each village a month before the recruits arrived, and the workers would receive from twelve to fifteen times the wages they would get in China. He denied that Chinamen were immoral.

RACKETS.

The rackets tournament of the H.K.C.C. has ended in a striking triumph for the brothers Hancock. The Championship and the Singles Handicap were both won by H. Hancock, and the Doubles Handicap by H. and R. Hancock.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
 On the 23rd at 11.25 a.m. The barometer has risen in Japan and the Philippines and fallen at all Chinese stations.
 Pressure is highest in SW. Japan and an area of low pressure would appear to lie over N. China.
 Gradients are slight on the China coast and over the China Sea.
 Moderate NE. winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel and moderate E. to NE. winds in the north part of the China Sea.
 Forecast:—Moderate E. winds; overcast, fair.

WAR NOTES.

NORTHERN TELEGRAMS.

Either on the 16th or on the 17th inst. the Russian destroyer *Skory* was blown up while entering Port Arthur harbour. It is variously stated that she touched an unexploded mine and a misplaced torpedo. Anyhow she was a total loss and only four of her crew were saved. She is a similar boat to the *Stereguchii*, which previously lost a 350-ton boat, 3,300 lbs. doing 26 knots and carrying one 1-pr. and three 3-pr. guns, with two torpedo-tubes.

The N.C. Daily News Tokyo correspondent telegraphed on the 18th inst.:—"Confidential sources have been taking place between the Ministers, the Elder Statesmen, and the Party leaders in the Diet, resulting in a satisfactory understanding as to the financial programme of the war."

General Kuropatkin is to arrive at Mukden on the 26th inst. and at Liangyang on the 28th.

With regard to the treatment of Japanese in Port Arthur, a correspondent there, writing to a friend in Shanghai on the 9th inst., says:—"The feeling against the Japanese here is frenziedly intense, and it would have been well for them could they have all got away before hostilities commenced. They are all considered as spies and are maltreated on the slightest pretext. As an illustration of this I will mention that companies of soldiery have been told off and instructed to seize every Chinaman they could lay their hands on and twist his queue to find out if it were real or if its owner was a Japanese spy in disguise. A dozen of the latter have been discovered and shot on the spot, their bodies being left to rot where they fell."

PORT ARTHUR.

According to the officers on the Norwegian steamers lately arrived at Shanghai from Port Arthur, all the Russian men-of-war that were slightly damaged are patched up, and the *Pallada* has been repaired in the only dock. The *Tsarenvich* and *Retvizan*, however, are too large for this dock, and it is now proposed to get them into the East Basin, fill up the entrance to the basin, and pump it out; a "large order," but pumps for the purpose have been brought from Harbin and Vladivostok. The only fear is that the sides of the basin, on which an enormous quantity of coal is stored, may slip in when the water is pumped out. There is likely to be a good deal of leakage too, as there is already in the dock.

It has already been reported that one of the Japanese stone-hulls was sunk on the left side of the entrance to the harbour, close to where the *Retvizan* lay beached. The Russians have now sunk two Chinese Eastern Railway steamers, the *Hailar* and *Harbin*, in a line north-eastward from the Japanese steamers in order to narrow the mouth of the harbour. Another steamer was to be sunk on the other side of the entrance, so that only a very narrow channel would be left, which is to be so protected with mines, and possibly a boom, that there may be no more fear of Japanese torpedo-boats getting into the harbour again at night. Generally it is stated that there is plenty of food and ammunition in Port Arthur, and no apparent apprehension there that it will have to be evacuated.

NEWCHWANG.

The Peking correspondent of the *Mercury* under date 5th March, gives the following as from a reliable source:—"Newchwang is quiet. Eight war correspondents are now at that place, with no possible way of leaving except by going to Tientsin. The foreigners are coming in from the interior; most of them have already arrived at Newchwang, and the remainder will be in shortly. An European war correspondent just arrived from St. Petersburg reports seeing numerous trains bringing troops as far as Harbin, but none between Newchwang and Harbin, and very few trains are now running between the latter point and Port Arthur. It is evident that the Russians are using their trains to transport troops from Russia to points north, and mobilising at these points with the view of moving down towards Newchwang later. If, within the next ten days, the Japanese made an obstinate move and attack, they should be able to cut off Newchwang, and without a doubt become masters of that section of the country. It would then be only a matter of days before the Russians should lose all hopes of holding either Port Arthur or Newchwang. The latter, expected, however, to come down from the north in such overwhelming force as to enable them to retake all lost ground."

THE C.P. AND THE WAR.

The management of the Canadian-Pacific Railway Express Line, acting under the instructions of the Government, refuses to transport foodstuffs to Japan, as they are held to be contraband of war.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

On the 15th ult. Mr. Galloway Weir, M.P., asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, having regard to the fact that the preliminary agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon Railway was signed on March 28, 1898, and that the construction of the line was contingent on arrangements being made for financing the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, whether he would state the amount required for the construction of the latter line, and when the British and Chinese Corporation expected to be in a position to proceed with the work of construction. Earl Percy replied:—"I understand that it is estimated that the cost of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, including the land required, will be £2,250,000. I regret that I am not at present in a position to answer the second part of the hon. member's question."

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 Mar. 22, APEXIDE, German steamer, 611, Jurgensen, 11th March, General.
 Mar. 22, LUCAS, German gunboat, from Canton.
 Mar. 22, NINGPO, British str., from Canton.
 Mar. 23, HAITAN, British str., 1183, T. S. Branch, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 22nd Mar. General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
 Mar. 23, HINGMAN, British str., 1536, W. E. Sawers, Moji 18th Mar.; Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 Mar. 23, KWANGLO, Chinese str., 1468, R. Lindero, Shanghai 20th March, General.—CHINESE.
 Mar. 23, MATHIDE, German str., 678, C. Uddrup, Tientsin 15th March, Coals, &c.—JARDINE & CO.
 Mar. 23, SHANGHAI, British str., 1228, J. G. Darling, Cebu and Iloilo 18th March, Sugar, &c.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Mar. 23, TALBOT, British cruiser, from practice.
 Mar. 23, TIENTSIN, British str., 1227, Gibbs, Chinkiang 19th March, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Mar. 23, TUPANAN, Dutch str., 2475, P. Zwart, Macassar 15th Mar., General.—HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

CLEARANCES.
 AT THE HAMBURG MASTER'S OFFICE.
 23rd March.
 Hoikao, French str., for Haiphong.
 M. Struve, German str., for Swatow.
 Nansang, British str., for Singapore.
 Phippo, British str., for Shanghai.
 Strathew, British str., for Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.
 23rd March.
 CHOTSA, British str., for Shanghai.
 CHINGU, British str., for Kobe.
 HAICHING, British str., for Coast Ports.
 KAPO, British str., for Manila.
 KARLA, German str., for Swatow.
 KALAN OTTA, British str., for Rangoon.
 KALAZIE, French str., for Shanghai.
 KRITON, German str., for Auping.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
 23rd March.
 ABREXIDE, German str.—Atholl.
 KOWLOON DOCK.—H. I. G. M. S. Moore, B.M.S. Glory, Ellen Rickmers, Lin Tan, Soland, Seetler, Hanof, U.S.S. Kentucky, Chuenfua, Langshing.
 COCKEN POLYTON DOCK.—Balfour.

VESSELS PASSED ANKER.
 Mar. 6, British str., Zander, Wright, from Singapore for Christmas Island.
 Mar. 7, Dutch str., Soemba, Fenies, Jan. 0, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
 Mar. 8, German str., Harburg, Muller, from Shanghai for Batavia.
 Mar. 9, Dutch str., Sindoro, Gathrie, Mar. 9, from Batavia for Rotterdam.
 Mar. 10, British str., Inca, Rae, Jan. 14, from Durban for Hongkong.

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LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	SIMLA	Brit. str.	R. F. Sumner	P. & O. S. N. Co.	25th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	JAVA	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 29th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MAHON	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELMACHUS	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th April.
REEMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	JASON	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th May.
ST. NAZARE, HAVRE & HAMBURG	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	E. Prohn	MELCHERS & CO.	30th inst., at Noon.
HAMBURG	ABESSINIA	Ger. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd April.
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NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	KENNEBEC	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst., P.M.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	AFRIDI	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 28th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Early April.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAKI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	NINGHONG	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst.
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ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst.
SWATOW	CHENAN	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst.
MANILA DIRECT	CHENAN	Brit. str.	S. Barclay	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th inst.
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 Hongkong, 16th March, 1904.

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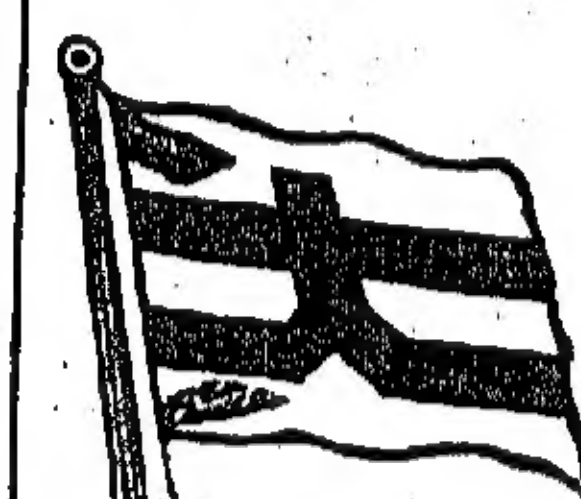
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 AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
 SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"M. STRUVE"	THURSDAY, 24th March, at 10 a.m.
KOBE (DIRECT)	"T. BRANDT"	MONDAY, 28th March, at Noon.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"DAFINE"	WEDNESDAY, 30th March, at 10 a.m.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"TRIUMPH"	SUNDAY, 3rd April, at 10 a.m.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"FRITHJOF"	WEDNESDAY, 6th April, at 10 a.m.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.
 For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 24th March, 1904.
 T. ARINA, Manager

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

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 THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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 R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
 R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
 R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" ... 3,852 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
 R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 11th May.
 R.M.S. "TARTAR" ... 4,425 Tons ... SATURDAY, 21st May.
 Hongkong to London, 1st Class ... via St. Lawrence ... via New York \$62.
 " " Intermediate ... " " 240. " " 242.
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 SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese and Japanese Governments.
 For further information, Maps, Guides, Handbooks, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to
 D. F. BROWN, General Agent,
 9, Dalmeida Street.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG STRAITS INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	March 24, 1904
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	April 24, 1904

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
 ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.
 Hongkong, 19th February, 1904.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, &c. ... TO SAIL ... REMARKS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	{ SIMLA } { F. R. Sumner }	Non, 26th March	See Special Advertisment.
SHANGHAI	{ BENGAL } { G. Phillips }	About 25th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	{ JAVA } { S. Barclay }	About 30th March	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	{ FORMOSA } { B. H. W. Snow }	About 5th April	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to
 E. A. HEWETT,
 Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 20th March, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.
 Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRISTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
 SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ABESSINIA	{ ST. NAZARE, HAVRE and HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Colombo }.	On 2nd April. Freight.
BRIGAVIA	{ HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Colombo }.	On 12th April. Freight.
SUEVIA	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Penang }.	On 25th April. Freight.
ARTEMISIA	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Colombo }.	On 3rd May. Freight.
MAHURG	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Penang }.	On 17th May. Freight.
STRASSBURG	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG } { Calling at Singapore and Colombo }.	On 31st May. Freight & Passengers.

For Further Particulars, apply to
 HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
 HONGKONG OFFICE,
 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
 N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 30th March
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY ... 13th April
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 27th April
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY ... 11th May
BATZEN	WEDNESDAY ... 25th May
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 8th June
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY ... 22nd June
PRINZ REGENT LUITFOLD	WEDNESDAY ... 6th July
ROON	WEDNESDAY ... 20th July
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 3rd August
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 17th August
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY ... 31st August
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY ... 14th September
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 28th September
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY ... 12th October
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY ... 26th October
PRINZ REGENT LUITFOLD	WEDNESDAY ... 9th November
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 23rd November
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 7th December
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 21st December

On WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of MARCH, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.
 Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 28th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 29th March.
 Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
 The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
 Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
 NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
 MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 17th March, 1904.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON & CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
 CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
 NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
 VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
 VIA
 SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
TREMONT	2,605	T. W. Garlick	Tuesday, March 29th
LYKA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, May 4th
TACOMA	2,812	M. Ridley	Friday, May 13th
SHAWMUT	2,605	W. M. Smith	Saturday, May 21st

* Not carrying second class passengers. † Cargo only.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The China, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 18th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here today.

The Hengal, with the English mail of 26th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 20th inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 26th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Canton	Falshan	Thursday, 24th, 7.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Hoiho	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	M. Shue	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Namsing	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Frans Ferdinand	Thursday, 24th, 11.00 a.m.
Macao	Hongshan	Thursday, 24th, 1.00 p.m.
Yap and Herberishohs	Seester	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Ichang	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 p.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Oregon	Goodwin	Thursday, 24th, 4.00 p.m.
Moji	Apex	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 p.m.
Namtu	Tai Chin	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 p.m.
Sunbo	Hoi Fu	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow	Wingchei	Thursday, 24th, 5.00 p.m.
Canton	Honam	Friday, 25th, 7.30 a.m.
Canton	Hankow	Friday, 25th, 9.00 a.m.
Ningbo, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Pacific Ports	Ningchow	Friday, 25th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Friday, 25th, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Kaichow	Friday, 25th, 4.00 p.m.
Singapore	Laoche	Friday, 25th, 4.00 p.m.
Haiphong, Singapore and Bangkok	Angli	Friday, 25th, 7.30 a.m.
Canton	Honam	Saturday, 26th, 9.00 a.m.
Manila	Zafra	Saturday, 26th, 10.00 a.m.

Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 a.m. Registration, 10.00 a.m. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.)

Letters, 11.00 a.m.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.). (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Europe, India via Taticorin (Latter Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

TODAY.

Ordinary Annual Meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., noon.

Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Luen Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Sale, Household Furniture, No. 1, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Japanese Silverware, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lummer, 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW.

Sale, Kwongkong, Douglas Steamship Co.'s Wharf, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, noon.

Sale, Household Furniture, No. 4, Macdonnell Road, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.		23rd March.	
ON LONDON.	Telegraphic Transfer	1.93	
	Bank Bills, on demand	1.93	
	Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight	1.93	
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.10	
	Crédits at 4 months' sight	1.10	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1.10	
ON PARIS.	Bank Bills, on demand	228	
	Crédits, at 4 months' sight	232	
ON CHEMANT.	On demand	166	
ON NEW YORK.	Bank Bills, on demand	44	
	Crédits, 60 days' sight	45	
ON HONGKONG.	Telegraphic Transfer	135	
	Bank, on demand	135	
ON CALCUTTA.	Telegraphic Transfer	135	
	Bank, on demand	135	
ON SHANGHAI.	Bank, at sight	712	
	Private, 30 days' sight	721	
ON YOKOHAMA.	On demand	89	
ON MANILA.	On demand	Nominal	
ON SINGAPORE.	On demand	Nominal	
ON BATAVIA.	On demand	100	
ON HAIKONG.	On demand	1 p.c. p.m.	
ON HANKOW.	On demand	82	
SOVEREIGNS.	Bank's Buying Rate	10.90	
GOLD DRAPE.	100 dwt. for test	37.40	
HAB SILVER.	100 dwt.	26	

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 25th inst., at about 8 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Cologne on the 19th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 30th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst., a.m.

The Indo-China steamer *Hongkong* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 31st prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *China* from San Francisco to the 26th ult. at Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port via Island Sea, &c., on the 19th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The A.L. steamer *Silecia* left Moji for this port on the 19th inst.

The Ben Line steamer *Benalder*, from Middlesborough and London, left Singapore on the 18th inst. for this port.

The C. & M. steamer *Perla* left Moji on the 19th inst., p.m., and is due here on the 25th inst., a.m.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Antenor* left Singapore on the 20th inst., and is due here on the 25th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Monmouthshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 19th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 26th inst., at daylight.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 23rd March.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Bank of China	\$125	\$65, buyers
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$65, buyers
Nat'l Bank of China	\$25	\$35, buyers
A. Shares	\$25	\$35, buyers
B. Shares	\$25	\$35, buyers
Four Shares	\$25	\$35, buyers
Hell's Asbestos Co. A.	\$10	\$10, nominal
Canton-Hongkong Ice	\$10	\$10, nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$10, nominal
China-Indochina Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Light and	\$10	\$10, nominal
Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Iron Works	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Sugar	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Tea	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Tobacco	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Wool	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Cotton	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Silk	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Paper	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Rubber	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Glass	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Metal	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Coal	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Oil	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Salt	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Sugar	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Tea	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Tobacco	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Wool	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Cotton	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Silk	\$10	\$10, nominal
China Paper	\$10	\$10, nominal
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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.		From 24th to the 30th March.	
Hour	Water	Hour	Water
12	High	12	Low
1	High	1	Low
2	High	2	Low
3	High	3	Low
4	High	4	Low
5	High	5	Low
6	High	6	Low
7	High	7	Low
8	High	8	Low
9	High	9	Low
10	High	10	Low
11	High	11	Low
12	High	12	Low

HONGKONG REGISTER.		Previous day 4 p.m.		On date at 10 a.m.		On date at 4 p.m.	
Barometer	29.95	29.91	30.01				
Thermometer	67	67	67				
Humidity	67	67	67				
Direction of wind	2	2	2				
Force	4	4	4				
Weather	0	0	0				
Rain	0	0	0				

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INSURANCES.

THE HONGKONG FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO., Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. 12160

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 1

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 99

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PHENIX FIRE OFFICE, Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 129

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THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA, INCORPORATED 1851. Cash Security \$25,719 Total Losses Paid \$2,769,240

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WM. MEYERINK & CO, Hongkong, 19th March, 1903. 194

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THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON, INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

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ALEX. ROSS & CO., Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. 1784

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NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO., FIRE and LIFE, ESTABLISHED 1836.

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TURNER & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. 267

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY, TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1902, £16,378,771.

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SHAW, TOMES & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. 1888

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

"THE EAST OF ASIA," (Published Quarterly).

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

ON SALE at "NORTH CHINA HERALD" OFFICE, Shanghai; Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Hongkong; and all leading Booksellers in the Far East Hongkong, 14th February, 1903.

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DIRECTORY and CHRONICLE OF THE FAR EAST, \$10.00

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